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Stop Use & Inspect Notice

**Dyna-Lock[®] Self-Retracting Lanyard - 10m (30ft) and 16m (50 ft) Types and
Dynevac[®], Dynevac II, and Lynx[®] Rescuers - 16m (50ft) Types
Manufactured between June 1, 2004 and September 30, 2004**

Immediate Attention Required

October 28, 2004

MSA is currently investigating an issue involving the Dyna-Lock Self-Retracting Lanyard (SRL) and Dynevac, Dynavac II and Lynx Rescuers identified above. Our initial findings revealed that some of these products manufactured between June 1, 2004 and September 30, 2004 contain housings that exceed the depth tolerance specified by MSA. Although the units will lock in the event of a fall, this condition may permit line extension (deceleration distance) which exceeds the MSA specification of 40 inches. Although this condition occurs in only a small percentage of the units, and there have not been any field incidents or injuries related to this condition, the units must be examined in order to identify the issue. **MSA asks that you carefully review this notice and choose from the following two options:**

1. **Self Inspection:** Contact Customer Service and request an inspection kit that will allow you to inspect your unit in the field to see if this condition is present. Customers in Canada should call 1-888-396-1067. Customers in the United States or Mexico should call 303-975-2314. The kit will include a special tool to check the unit, along with detailed instructions on how to perform the inspection, complete with a video CD demonstration. If your unit is found to exhibit this condition, then you can contact Customer Service for instructions on returning the product to your nearest authorized service center or the MSA Englewood facility for repair. If your unit does not exhibit this condition then you will be instructed to remove the orange torque seal and replace it with green torque seal, provided with the kit. The unit can then be returned to service.
2. **Service Center Inspection:** You can contact Customer Service and make arrangements for the return of your unit to the MSA Englewood Plant or an MSA authorized service center. Once the unit is received it will be inspected for the condition, and if found, repaired immediately and returned to you. The time to complete this process will be three days from the date of receipt. *(If a unit is found to require additional service, you will be contacted and a delivery date will be provided.)* Customers in Canada should call 1-888-396-1067. Customers in the United States or Mexico should call 303-975-2314.

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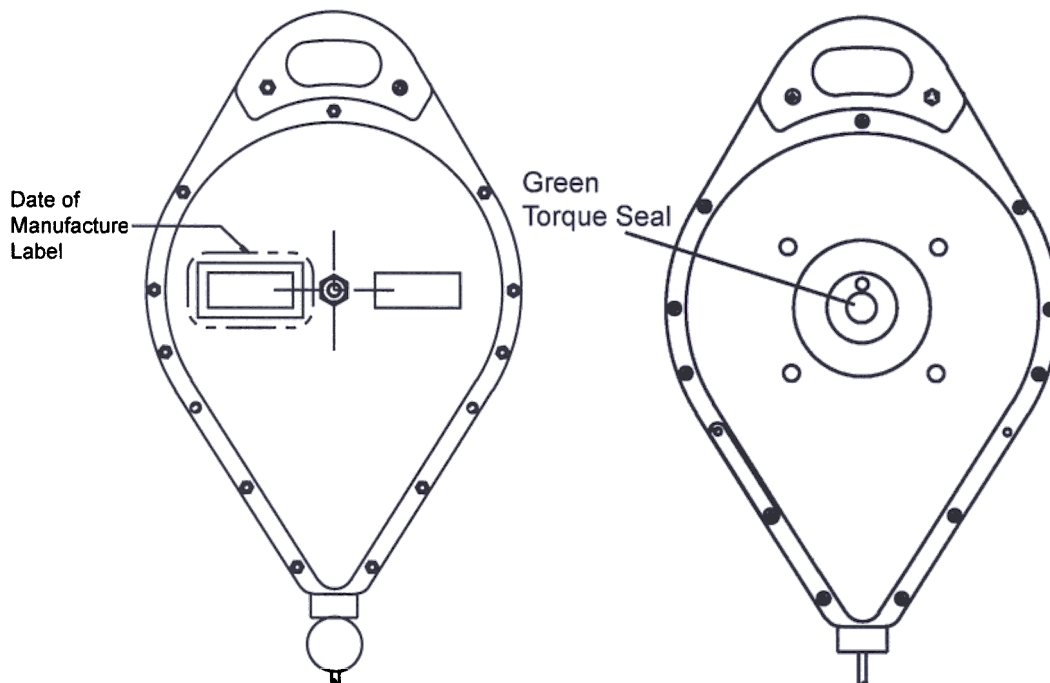
This notice includes the following MSA fall protection products:

- MSA 10M (30ft) and 16M (50ft) Dyna-Lock SRLs
Part numbers 506202, 506203, 506204, 506205, 506330, 506331, 10006467, 10006468, 10006469, 10006470, 10038856, 10040477, 10040478, 10040479, 10040500, 10044348, 10051445, 10051446, 10051450, 10052661,
- MSA 16M (50ft) Dynevac Rescuer
Part numbers 506605, 506558, 10006449, 10006460,
- MSA 16M (50ft) Dynevac II Rescuer
Part number 10007782, 10048523
- MSA 16M (50ft) Lynx Rescuer
Part numbers 10011744, 10023016

How do I know if my product is affected?

Inspect all products to determine the date of manufacture. The date of manufacture is located on the label affixed to back of the housing (see diagram below). If this date is within **June 1, 2004 and September 30, 2004** or if the date cannot be determined, the product is subject to this notice and must be inspected.

2. If the unit has green torque seal in the center of the torque nut, then it has already been inspected. The green torque seal is located in the center of the face of the housing. If green torque seal is present, the unit is not subject to this notice.



We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this notice and are confident that our corrective measures address the product concern. If you have any questions, please contact MSA Customer Service at the numbers indicated above.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles J. Seibel, Jr.", with a stylized, looped flourish at the end.

Charles J. Seibel, Jr.
Manager of Product Safety

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Stop Use & Return Notice

**Dyna-Lock® Self-Retracting Lanyard - 22m (70ft) and 30m (95ft) Types and
Dynevac®, Dynevac II, and Lynx® Rescuers - 30m (95ft) Types
Manufactured between January 1, 2001 and October 8, 2004**

Immediate Attention Required

October 28, 2004

MSA is currently investigating an issue involving the Dyna-Lock Self-Retracting Lanyard (SRL) and Dynevac, Dynavac II and Lynx Rescuers identified above. Our initial findings revealed that some of the housing sub-assemblies of the SRLs and Rescuers were improperly manufactured by our supplier. Although the units will lock in the event of a fall, the line extension (deceleration distance) exceeds the MSA specification of 40 inches. Although this condition occurs in only a small percentage of the units, and there have not been any field incidents or injuries related to this condition, the units must be opened and examined in order to identify and remediate the issue. This notice is directed to all purchasers of products that potentially could contain this manufacturing condition. **MSA asks that you carefully review this notice and immediately remove from service all affected SRLs and Rescuers.**

This notice includes the following MSA fall protection products:

- MSA 22M (70ft) and 30M (95ft) Dyna-Lock SRLs
Part numbers 506206, 506207, 506208, 506209, 506332, 506333, 10006463, 10006464, 10006465, 10006466, 10036240, 10038662, 10040501, 10040502, 10040503, 10040504, 10042287, 10051447, 10051448, and 10051449
- MSA 30M (95ft) Dynevac Rescuer
Part numbers 506606, 506218, 506444, 10006448, 10006462, and 10040549
- MSA 30M (95ft) Dynevac II Rescuer
Part number 10007783, 10021517, 10053024, and 10056717
- MSA 30M (95ft) Lynx Rescuer
Part numbers 10011745, 10023017, 10038475, 10044389, and 10060977

As indicated above, this notice affects only those MSA SRLs and Rescuers manufactured between January 1, 2001 and October 8, 2004. SRLs and Rescuers manufactured outside the specified time period as well as products manufactured with green torque seal on the torque nut (located on the face of the unit - see diagram below) do not have this condition and may continue to be used.

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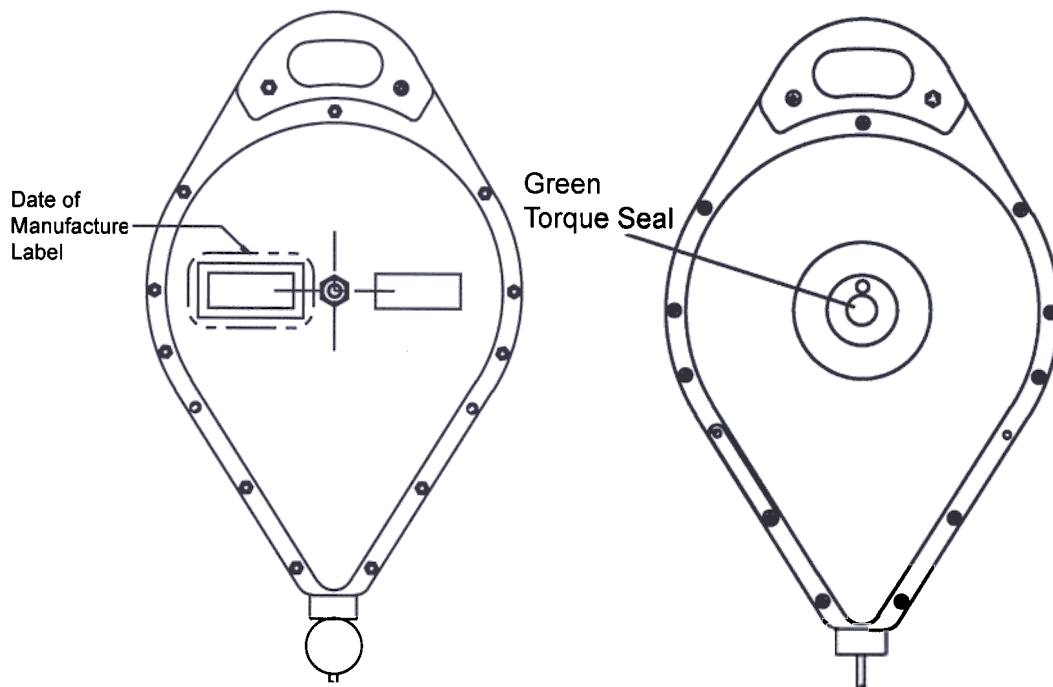
The following outlines the steps you need to take immediately:

Locate SRLs and Rescuers:

Locate all of the above listed SRLs and Rescuers.

2. Remove affected product from service:

Inspect all products to determine the date of manufacture and if green torque seal is present. The date of manufacture is located on the label affixed to back of the housing and the green torque seal is located in the center of the face of the housing. (see diagram below). If the date of manufacture is within the affected range or if the date cannot be determined, the product is subject to this notice and must be removed from service, with the following exception. If green torque seal is present, the unit is not subject to this notice, even on units with a date of manufacture within the affected range.



3. Contact MSA to arrange for service:

Contact MSA Customer Service to make arrangements for the return and service of all affected products. Customer Service will direct you to the best place to have your unit serviced as quickly as possible, either a local service center or the MSA Englewood plant. Customers in Canada should call 1-888-396-1067. Customers in the United States or Mexico should call 303-975-2314.

The returned product will be inspected for this condition and repaired as needed. We will use a green torque seal on the torque nut located in the center of the face of the housing and enter a new date under the "last factory service" field on the label shown above. The original or replacement products will be express shipped to you within four working days of our receipt of your product.

We apologize for the inconvenience this situation may cause you. To help mitigate any inconvenience you may experience, we will perform a basic service (general cleaning and lubrication as well as replacement of any minor components that may be worn due to normal use) on the unit at no charge. We are confident that our corrective measures appropriately address this safety concern. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact MSA Customer Service toll-free at 1-888-396-1067 (Canada) or 303-975-2314 (United States or Mexico). Thank you.

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**Aptura LT30 Self-Retracting Lanyards
Manufactured from March 1, 2004 through November 19, 2004**

Immediate Attention Required

December 2, 2004

MSA is currently investigating an issue involving the Aptura LT30 Self-Retracting Lanyard (SRL). Internal testing has revealed that the sperrads (gear teeth) inside some Aptura LT30 SRL units were improperly manufactured by our supplier. Although there have not been any injuries reported related to this issue, our testing indicates that it is possible that this condition can result in the failure of the unit to arrest a fall. This notice is directed to all purchasers of Aptura LT30 SRLs that potentially could contain this manufacturing condition. **MSA asks that you carefully review this notice and immediately remove from service all affected SRLs.**

This notice includes the following Aptura LT30 part numbers:

- 10056964, 10056967, 10056963, 10056965, 10056968, 10056966, 10056969, 10057157, 10058886, 10053560, 10053559, 10053558, 10050504
- ATO combinations for the Aptura LT30 with a *line length* of 13 ft. or greater apply to this notice.

As indicated above, this notice affects those Aptura LT30 SRLs manufactured from March 1, 2004 through November 19, 2004. However, there is one exception. Units manufactured within this time period with a label bearing the MSA name (MSA name only, not MSA FP) in red print, located on the back of the unit (see diagram below), do not have this condition and may continue to be used. Aptura LT30 SRLs manufactured outside the specified time period are also not subject to this notice.

The following outlines the steps you need to take immediately:

Locate SRLs:

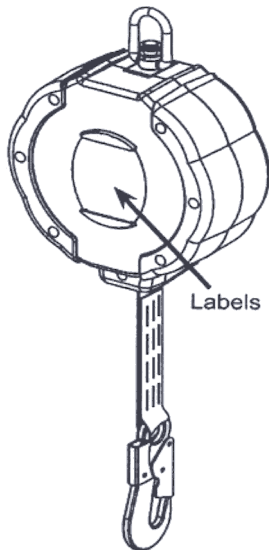
Locate all of the above listed SRLs.

2 Remove affected product from service:

Inspect all products to determine the date of manufacture. The date of manufacture is located on the label affixed to back of the housing, underneath the label cover (see diagram below). If the date of manufacture is within the affected range or if the date cannot be determined, the product is subject to this notice and must be removed from service, with the following exception: If a label cover bearing the MSA name (MSA name only, not MSA

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FP) in red print is present, the unit is not subject to this notice, even on units with a date of manufacture within the affected range.



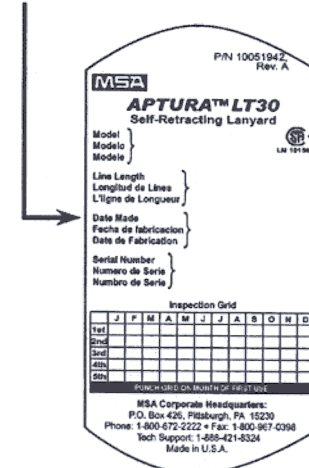
**APTURA LT30 SRL
(back view)**

If MSA logo only is present
and print is red, the unit is not
affected by this advisory.



**APTURA LT30 SRL
Cover Label**

Date of Manufacture



**APTURA LT30 SRL
Data Card
(found under Cover Label)**

Contact MSA to arrange for replacement:

Contact MSA Customer Service to make arrangements for the return and replacement of all affected products. Customers in Canada should call 1-888-396-1067. Customers in the United States or Mexico should call 303-975-2314.

We apologize for the inconvenience this situation may cause you. To help mitigate any inconvenience you may experience, we are offering to waive tuition, for up to 2 employees per company, in one of our scheduled Competent Person for Safety at Heights training class. Details of this offer will be included with your replacement product.

We are confident that our corrective measures appropriately address this safety concern. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact MSA Customer Service toll-free at 1-888-396-1067 (Canada) or 303-975-2314 (United States or Mexico). Thank you.

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